

Year 11 Topics Paper 2 Elizabethan England – Elizabeth Life, and the Problem with Spain

In year 11 we teach the following modules over the course of the year. Each module draws on prior learning from KS3 and builds on understanding from the KS3 programme of study. Each module develops and deepens the Core knowledge that will underpin all areas of the curriculum at KS4, to equip students to pass their GCSE exam in accordance with the content guidance from the exam board, AQA.

Topic	Rationale	Knowledge acquisition	Key vocabulary	Skills and enrichment
Elizabeth and the consolidation of Power	This depth study looks at the last 35 years of Elizabeth's reign, focusing on the major events and developments from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints, and arising contemporary and historical controversies.	8. What was it like to live in Elizabethan England? What was Elizabethan culture like? What do we mean by the 'Golden Age'?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monarch; • Noblemen; • Gentry; • Yeoman; • Peasant; • Poor; • Beggars; • The 'Great Chain of Being'; • Fashion; • Stately homes; • location • function • the structure • people connected with the site eg the designer, originator and occupants • design • Theatre • The Globe Theatre; • Design; • Audience; • Patronage; • Playwright; • William Shakespeare; • Themes; 	<p>Include opportunities to develop subject specific skills plus general core skills including independence, problem solving, evaluation, analysis, creativity, literacy, numeracy and oracy</p> <p>To understand the main change factors: war, religion, government, science, the role of the individual, and how they worked together.</p> <p>Students will develop an understanding of the causes, consequences and significance of change, as well as the resulting progress.</p>

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		<p>9. Why was 'exploration' significant in Elizabethan England? What problems did Elizabeth face abroad?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawkins • Frobisher • Drake • Gilbert • Raleigh • Davis • Lancaster • Raleigh; • Reputation; • Circumnavigation; • Colony; • Empire; • New World; • Ottoman Empire; • Privateers; • Pirates. • Golden Hind; • Drake; • Colonies; • Profit; • • Spain. 	
		<p>10. What problems did Elizabeth face abroad? How did she deal with religious difficulties abroad? How did she deal with the threat of Spain?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piracy; • Empire; • Colony; • Armada; • Fireship; • Line of battle; • Gravelines; • Lateen; • Astrolabe; • Cannons; 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grappling;• Broadships;• Duke of Parma;• Duke of Medina Sidonia;• Lord Howard;• Drake;• Beacon;• Ark Royal;• • Propaganda	
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